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Letter dated 14 January 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to our letter dated 5 January 1998 (A/52/761-S/1998/12), I have the honour to draw your attention once more to yet another violation of the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and the flight information region of Nicosia committed by the Government of Turkey just two weeks after the last incident.

This new illegal and unacceptable Turkish action was committed on 12 January 1998 when four Turkish military aircraft, two type RF-4 with call sign ISIK-43 and two of unknown type (probably RF-4), violated the Nicosia flight information region and the national airspace of the Republic, flying over the areas of Karpasia, Mesaoria, Pendadaktylos and Dhekelia.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to strongly protest once again the new violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, which are in complete disregard of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus. I would request, therefore, that all necessary measures be taken to impress upon Turkey to cease and desist from such provocative actions which aggravate the situation in Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

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